

2 Kings 9:6

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6 And Jehu arose, and went into the house; and [Elisha] poured the oil on his head, and said unto him, Thus saith the Lord God of Israel, I have anointed thee king over the people of the Lord, even over Israel.

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7 And thou shalt smite the house of Ahab thy master, that I may avenge the blood of my servants the prophets, and the blood of all the servants of the Lord, at the hand of Jezebel.

- Jehu was anointed by God to repay unto the house of King Ahab, whose wife was Jezebel, at this time, King Ahab was already dead, and Jezebel was killing God's prophets.

When Jezebel married Ahab, she influenced him to worship Baal, a nature god. As a woman seeking more power, she sought to destroy those who questioned her and most of the prophets of Yahweh were murdered at her request. Another cruel act credited to Jezebel is written in I Kings 21:5–16. Next to Ahab's dwelling was a vineyard, which he envied and desired. It was owned by a civilian, Naboth of Jezreel. When Naboth declined to part with his vineyard as "the inheritance of my fathers" and Jezebel falsely accused him with cursing "God and the king," which resulted in Naboth's death by stoning. Elijah faced Ahab in the vineyard, prophesying that he and all his successors would be slain and that dogs would devour Jezebel.

Some years after, Ahab died in fighting with the Syrians and Jezebel continued on for nearly another ten years. Elijah's heir, Elisha the prophet, continued the determination to end Baal worship. He anointed a militant leader named Jehu to be king of Israel, an order that prompted civil war as Jehoram, Jezebel's son, then ruled. Jehu then killed Jehoram and sought to overthrow Jezebel and take his place as ruler of Israel. Anticipating him, she decorated herself in fancy clothing and ornaments for the occasion. Looking down from her window, she mocked him, and Jehu commanded her eunuchs to toss her out of the window. After her fall and death, he ordered that she be buried as a king's daughter, however, it was found that dogs had eaten most of her body, just as Elijah had predicted.

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So there went one on horseback to meet Jehu, and said, Thus saith the king, Is it peace? And Jehu said, What hast thou to do with peace?

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19 Then he sent out a second on horseback, which came to them, and said, Thus asketh the king, Is it peace? And Jehu answered, What hast thou to do with peace? turn thee behind me.

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21 And Joram said, Make ready. And his chariot was made ready. And Joram king of Israel and Ahaziah king of Judah went out, each in his chariot, and they went out against Jehu, and met him in the portion of Naboth the Jezreelite.

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22 And it came to pass, when king Joram saw Jehu, that he said, Is it peace, Jehu? And he answered, What peace, so long as the harlotries of thy mother Jezebel and her witchcrafts are so many? 23 And Joram turned his hands, and fled, and said to Ahaziah, There is treachery, O Ahaziah. 24 And Jehu drew a bow with his full strength, and smote Jehoram between his arms, and the arrow went out at his heart, and he sunk down in his chariot.

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27 But when king Ahaziah the king of Judah saw this, he fled by the way of the garden house. And Jehu followed after him, and said, Smite him also in the chariot. And they did so at the going up to Gur, which is by Ibleam. And he fled to Megiddo, and died there.

1st lesson to be learned: Jeru was out-numbered and it was him vs. 2 kings, but when the LOVED God speaks and anoints you to be victorious, there is nothing the devil can do to stop you!

→ 2nd lesson: Running from God and running from you sins only leads to death.

→ 3rd lesson: No peace can exist in a house, in a church, or in your heart when rebellion and witchcraft and idolatry exist there.

1 Samuel 15:23

23 For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, and stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry. Because thou hast rejected the word of the Lord, he hath also rejected thee from being king.

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30 And when Jehu was come to Jezreel, Jezebel heard of it; and she painted her face, and adorned her head, and looked out at a window.

Question: Why did Jezebel put a bunch of make-up on and adorn herself in jewelry when she heard Jehu was coming?

- So far, we know that Jehu was appointed to execute JUDGEMENT.

Let's examine 3 other instances in Scripture to help us understand why Jezebel painted her face:

#1

Genesis 34:25 (The Sin)

25 And it came to pass on the third day, when they were sore [from circumcision], that two of the sons of Jacob, Simeon and Levi, Dinah's brethren, took each man his sword, and came upon the city boldly, and slew all the males.

Genesis 34:30 (A Time of Judgement)

30 And Jacob said to Simeon and Levi, Ye have troubled me to make me to stink among the inhabitants of the land, among the Canaanites and the Perizzites: and I being few in number, they shall gather themselves together against me, and slay me; and I shall be destroyed, I and my house.

- The sons of Jacob slaughtered all the sons of Shechem and brought great shame upon the House of Jacob. Putting all of their lives into the hands of the Canaanites to be JUDGE.

Genesis 35:1-4 (Soul Affliction)

1 And God said unto Jacob, Arise, go up to Bethel, and dwell there: and make there an altar unto God, that appeared unto thee when thou fleddest from the face of Esau thy brother. 2 Then Jacob said unto his household, and to all that were with him, Put away the strange gods that are among you, and be clean, and change your garments: 3 And let us arise, and go up to Bethel; and I will make there an altar unto God, who answered me in the day of my judgement, and was with me in the way which I went. 4 And they gave unto Jacob all the strange gods which were in their hand, and all their earrings which were in their ears; and Jacob buried them under the oak which was by Shechem.

- The next thing that happens is Jacob is told by God to put his entire house under soul affliction while under JUDGEMENT. To do this, they had to bury their idols, wash themselves, change their garments, and take off all of their jewelry and earrings, and bury them also!

#2

Exodus 32:4-5 (The Sin)

4 And Aaron received the gold from their bodies, and fashioned it with a graving tool, after he had made it a molten calf: and they said, These be thy gods, O Israel, which brought thee up out of the land of Egypt. 5 And when Aaron saw it, he built an altar before it; and Aaron made proclamation, and said, To morrow is a feast to the Lord.

Exodus 32:33-35 (The Announcement of Coming Judgement)

33 And the Lord said unto Moses, Whosoever hath sinned against me, him will I blot out of my book. 34 Therefore now go, lead the people unto the place of which I have spoken unto thee: behold, mine Angel shall go before thee: nevertheless in the day when I visit I will visit their sin upon them. 35 And the Lord plagued the people, because they made the calf, which Aaron made.

Exodus 33:3-6 (The Required Soul Affliction)

3 Unto a land flowing with milk and honey: for I will not go up in the midst of thee; for thou art a stiffnecked people: lest I consume thee in the way.

4 And when the people heard these evil tidings, they mourned: and no man did put on him his ornaments. 5 For the Lord had said unto Moses, Say unto the children of Israel, Ye are a stiffnecked people: I will come up into the midst of thee in a moment, and consume thee: therefore now put off thy ornaments from thee, that I may know what to do unto thee. 6 And the children of Israel stripped themselves of their ornaments by the mount Horeb.

- During a time of JUDGEMENT for their sins, in order to find mercy and favor with God, they were absolutely required to strip themselves from all jewelry as an outward sign of their inward soul affliction.

#3

Isaiah 3:8-9 (The Sin)

8 For Jerusalem is ruined, and Judah is fallen:

because their tongue and their doings are against the Lord,
to provoke the eyes of his glory.

9 The shew of their countenance doth witness against them;
and they declare their sin as Sodom, they hide it not.

Woe unto their soul! for they have rewarded evil unto themselves.

Isaiah 3:11, 13-14 (The Judgement)

11 Woe unto the wicked! it shall be ill with him: for the reward of his hands shall be given him.

13 The Lord standeth up to plead, and standeth to judge the people.

14 The Lord will enter into judgment with the ancients of his people, and the princes thereof:
for ye have eaten up the vineyard; the spoil of the poor is in your houses.

Isaiah 3:18-21 (What must not be worn during a time of soul affliction.)

18 In that day the Lord will take away the bravery of their tinkling ornaments about their feet,
and their hair pieces, and their round neck pendants like the moon,

19 The chains, and the bracelets, and the ornate scarves,

20 The bonnets, and the anklets, and the headbands,
and the tablets, and the earrings,

21 The rings, and nose jewels.

- It was the outward countenance of the people that God held against them, because their appearance represented the image of the god they served. In this state, God considered them FALLEN (Isa 3:8) like Babylon.

#4

Leviticus 16:4 The DAY OF ATONEMENT

4 He shall put on the holy linen coat, and he shall have the linen breeches upon his flesh, and shall be girded with a linen girdle, and with the linen mitre shall he be attired: these are holy garments; therefore shall he wash his flesh in water, and so put them on.

- On the Day of Atonement, the High Priest would afflict his soul for 7 days, alone, away from his family and then come into the camp and dress himself in modest linen garments annointed with oil.

- Notice these are not the regular priestly garments with the gold, the onyx ephod with the 12 gemstones.

Leviticus 16:29 (The Soul Affliction on the D.A)

29 And this shall be a statute for ever unto you: that in the seventh month, on the tenth day of the month, ye shall afflict your souls, and do no work at all, whether it be one of your own country, or a stranger that sojourneth among you:

Leviticus 16:31

31 It shall be a sabbath of rest unto you, and ye shall afflict your souls, by a statute for ever.

- The D.A was a day of JUDGEMENT.

Leviticus 23:29-30 (Death Decree to whosoever does not afflict his/her soul.)
29 For whatsoever soul it be that shall not be afflicted in that same day, he shall be cut off from among his people. 30 And whatsoever soul it be that doeth any work in that same day, the same soul will I destroy from among his people.

- Hebrew word for "cut off" means to be severed or removed from the Covenant of God.
- The end result of the one who refuses to humble himself and abase himself in the Day of Atonement, which includes putting on a clean linen garment and taking off all jewelry was separated from God and destroyed.

★ Genesis 35, Exodus 33, Isaiah 3, and Leviticus Ch. 16 and Ch. 23 shows that a Time of Judgement is a sign to take off all jewelry and afflict the soul.

So back to our original question: Why did Jezebel paint her face and adorn herself?

2 Kings 9:7 (The Sin)

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2 Kings 9:30 (The Judgement)

30 And when Jehu was come to Jezreel, Jezebel heard of it; and she painted her face, and adorned her head, and looked out at a window.

- It was a sign for her to show that she refused to repent of her harlotries and afflict her soul.

2 Kings 9:32-33 (The Death Decree given)

32 And he lifted up his face to the window, and said, Who is on my side? who? And there looked out to him two or three eunuchs. 33 And he said, Throw her down. So they threw her down: and some of her blood was sprinkled on the wall, and on the horses: and he trodden her under foot.

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35 And they went to bury her: but they found no more of her than the skull, and the feet, and the palms of her hands.

★ Is it okay for God's people to be adorning themselves with jewelry today?

Revelation 14:6-7

6 And I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people,

7 Saying with a loud voice, Fear God, and give glory to him; for **the hour of his judgment IS come:** and worship him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters.

- Answer: Are we in a time of Judgement?
YES.

★ Question: What will happen to God's people who continue to adorn themselves with jewelry and not afflict their souls today?

Revelation 18:7 (The Sin and Refusal to Afflict her soul)

7 How much she hath glorified herself, and lived deliciously, so much torment and sorrow give her: for she saith in her heart, I sit a queen, and am no widow, and shall see no sorrow.

Revelation 18:10 (The Judgement Given)

10 Standing afar off, [the kings of the earth], watch with great fear at her torment [as she is judged harshly], saying, "Alas, alas, that great city Babylon, that mighty city, for **in one hour is thy judgment come!**"

★ What counsel do God's people have today to live by?

1 Thessalonians 5:22

22 **Abstain from ALL appearance of evil.**

Luke 9:29

29 And as he prayed, the **appearance** of his countenance was changed, and his raiment became white and glistening.

2 Corinthians 5:7

7 For we walk by faith, not by **appearance**:

- all of these are the same word (G1491)

Titus 2:12-13

12 Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world; 13 Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ;

Jewelry is a worldly lust. Jewelry is a sign that we refuse to bow down and let God humble us. We must be reminded that in order for Jesus to deal with the sins of Israel, they had to take off all of their jewelry. (Exodus 33)

"Self-denial is essential to genuine religion. Those who have not learned to deny themselves are destitute of vital, practical godliness. We cannot expect anything else than that the claims of religion will come in contact with the natural affections and worldly interests. There is work for everyone in the vineyard of the Lord". – {CH 74.2}

